

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 466 without my signature.

I vetoed substantively similar bills in prior years. This bill would allow schools to receive funding for times when students are volunteering as elections precinct board members through independent study programs. While civic and other volunteer activities can offer many educational opportunities to students, these activities should be in addition to, and not in place of, valuable classroom learning time with a teacher. Independent study programs are intended to help schools address the needs of students who are unable to attend school in a traditional classroom setting for an extended period of time – not to be used as means to circumvent the fulfillment of criteria for instruction required in order to receive school funding.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger